

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST.

Floridians Will Soon Have All the State Politics They Can Stand.
Tallahassee Letter in Savannah News.

Easily the most important figure on the political board in Florida at this time is the contest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and that contest is rapidly taking definite shape.

It has not quite reached the stage where the list of counties can be called off and marked down with any large degree of accuracy to the candidate who will receive their respective votes; but in a general way the relative strength of the five announced candidates for the nomination is becoming quite easy of discernment.

The contest has now been in progress for the better part of a year, and while there has been no great fuss made over it, each aspirant has been hard at work, and the state has been thoroughly canvassed. The nominating convention will meet about three months hence, and in that time it is understood that Floridians will be given all the politics they can stand.

Two of the candidates—States Attorney James D. Beggs, of Orlando, and Judge William Sherman Jennings, of Brooksville—are from south or peninsular Florida; two others—State Senator Fred T. Myers, of Tallahassee, and former Speaker D. H. Mays, of Monticello—are from Middle Florida; and one, Maj. William H. Milton, Jr., of Marianna, is from West Florida. It is said that Maj. Milton is not really a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, and that only his friends have been pushing his name forward. Maj. Milton is quite as much spoken of for one of the cabinet offices, as he is for the governorship.

At any rate, the contest now lies between the other gentlemen, and, on account of the places of their residence, it has developed into more or less of a sectional fight—South Florida against Middle Florida. This feature tends to complicate the situation.

It is rather nearer the exact truth to say that many of the friends of Judge Beggs, who undoubtedly has the support of a number of the South Florida counties, are using as an argument in his favor the fact that Senator Myers, his strongest opponent, lives in Tallahassee, which is also the home of the present governor, Hon. W. D. Bloxham; claiming that it is now nothing more than just and fair that South Florida, which claims not to have had her share in the distribution of political prizes in recent years, should now be given the governorship, for which, in the person of Judge Beggs, she presents an entirely suitable candidate.

It is not understood that Judge Beggs himself has sought to make capital out of the incident of Senator Myers' residence. He is said to be making his fight solely on his record as a man and as a public servant.

A Tampa lawyer and politician has summed up the situation as follows: "If any man in Middle and West Florida can win the gubernatorial nomination, as the contest now stands, it is Fred Myers. If Myers can't make it, Beggs will. They are making a race fit for thoroughbreds. As to Mays and Jennings? Well, they are splendid fellows; say something very commendatory about each of them—but I don't think they are winners this year."

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COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER.

Their Judicious Use of Vital Importance
To the Farmer.

Commercial fertilizers are now such a factor in farming that the question of their proper use, composition and cost are of almost vital importance to the farmer who uses them, says an Alabama writer in the American Agriculturist. It is not a question of getting a good guano or a high-grade guano cheap, but the proper proportion of the elements of value that enter into the composition of a fertilizer to be applied to a particular soil or crop is a matter of prime importance. A brand of guano may do well for cotton, but may not be suited to corn or oats. One brand may give excellent results when applied to a certain class of soil, while it would fail to give a satisfactory crop on a different class. I am of the opinion that the judicious use of fertilizers does pay; but when they are used without any regard to the requirements of the soil and crops they not only do not yield profit, but are a loss.

The first thing a farmer should consider is not whether to use fertilizers or not, but what sort of fertilizers, what is his soil deficient in. Does it require nitrogen and phosphoric acid, or only one of these?

A farmer may have a field that has been resting, which may not require any of these and will produce as good a crop without as with them, while an adjoining field may require one or all of these elements. The question he should first ask himself is, what fertilizers shall I use? The answer depends on the nature of the soil, what the soil is deficient in, what is to be planted on the land, etc. Then let

the farmer supply to that land the necessary elements. He must think and determine for himself what fertilizer is best for him to use. If he will do this from year to year he will not only produce better crops, but will enhance the value of his land.

I do not believe injudicious use of fertilizers pays, but they are profitable where used systematically with due regard to their adaptability to certain soils and crops; but no farmer is justified in neglecting the natural and accustomed home manurial resources. Too much reliance on commercial fertilizers has ruined many a farmer. At the best, the use of these outside helps must be considered as secondary in importance to a well-ordered, common sense, businesslike conduct of the farm. The most important point to be considered is to secure the proper materials for fertilizers at the lowest price and mix at home. There are some farmers who care but little about the composition of guano or its price if not to be paid for until fall.

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Rotation In Office.

From the Jacksonville News:

The state press has again taken up the question of rotation in office, and the discussion has, of course, especial reference to the condition of affairs at Tallahassee.

The News long ago expressed its opinion upon the subject, but the question is one for which no hard and fast rule can be laid down. There are cases in which a public servant may safely be continued in office for an indefinite length of time, and instances have, unfortunately, not been known, in which one short term sufficed to terminate the usefulness and close the public career of the hapless incumbent.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Pensacola News, in discussing this question says:

The News ardently desires that the constitutional provision affecting the governorship shall be extended to include all state officers, and further suggests that its extension to include all county officers as well, is a question which deserves the serious consideration of every public-spirited citizen in the state. Existing conditions, with regard to both state and county offices, warrant the declaration that no better time for the consideration of such a provision could be desired.

This view of the problem, we confess, strikes us as an extreme one, but it is one that all events opens up an interesting discussion as to how much the tenure of office should be limited by law, and to what extent public servants should be permitted to bask in what is popularly known as the sunshine of popular favor.

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THE PORTO RICAN BILL

Has Been Greatly Changed and Florida's Representatives Won't Oppose It Now.

The consideration of the Porto Rican tariff bill commenced in the house of representatives this week, and the final vote will not be reached before next week. The members of the Florida delegation in congress are much better pleased with the bill as it is reported from the ways and means committee than they were with the president's original suggestion.

The bill, it is said by Florida fruit growers who have been to Washington recently, will afford ample protection to Florida industries, and the measure seems to meet with the support of the delegation. Notwithstanding the attitude, however, of the members of the delegation from Florida, the outlook is not favorable for the passage of the bill. It all depends upon the number of Democrats who can be gotten into line for the measure. There are a large number of Republicans opposed to the bill as it comes from the ways and means committee, and they will follow the lead of Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, in voting in opposition.

The attitude of the Louisiana delegation is much in doubt. The members seem disposed favorably towards the Payne bill, but they are hindered in voting for it by the attitude of the rice growers of that state. The sugar planters who are largely Republican, and natural protectionists, are for the bill. It seems unreasonable, however, to anticipate that the Louisiana delegation, under these circumstances, will support it.

With three exceptions, it is believed the solid Democratic vote will be cast against the bill. The exceptions are Messrs. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who is now regarded on both sides of the house as a Republican anyway, and Representatives Davis and Sparkman, who will probably be swayed by reasons of state policy in voting with the Republicans on this bill.

The American Soldier.

Senator Albert J. Beveridge in his famous speech in the United States senate, told one side of his experiences in the Philippines. The other and more personal side—what he saw and heard of the American soldier in the field—he will tell exclusively in an early number of The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia.

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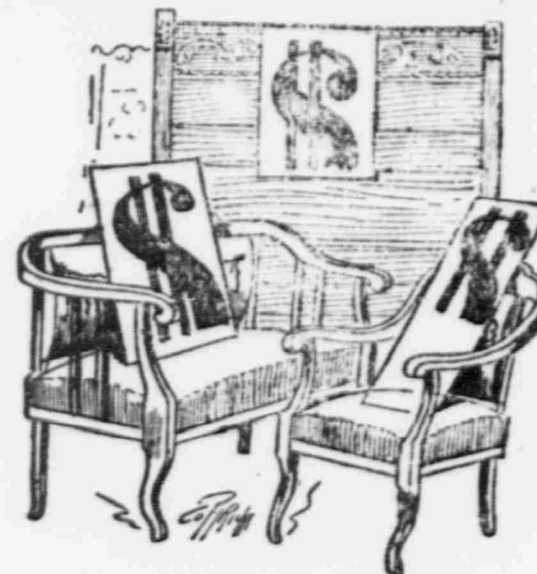
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